

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 496

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ashley Knowles on her selection as a regional semifinalist for Tennessee Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Ashley Knowles, a teacher at Marvin Wright Elementary School, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a devoted educator for Maury County Public Schools, Ms. Knowles was recently named a regional semifinalist for Tennessee Teacher of the Year, representing the South Central Region, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being named a regional semifinalist, Ashley Knowles was recognized as the Maury County Pre-K-4 Teacher of the Year and the Teacher of the Year for Marvin Wright Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, operated by the Tennessee Department of Education, the Tennessee Teacher of the Year program annually recognizes and honors outstanding teachers from across the State who have devoted their professional lives to enriching the lives of Tennessee's children and demonstrated exceptional gains in student achievement; and

WHEREAS, a first-grade teacher, Ashley Knowles has taught for nearly two decades, having begun her illustrious career at Randolph Howell in Columbia for eight years before joining the faculty at Marvin Wright Elementary School in Spring Hill; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Knowles is a graduate of the University of North Alabama; she has become a mentor for current teachers and works to build strong leaders for the future in partnership with Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Knowles is an inspiration to the faculty, staff, and students alike of Marvin Wright Elementary School, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Knowles truly epitomizes the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Ashley Knowles upon being named a regional semifinalist for Tennessee Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.